

STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

March Meeting Summary



Date | time March 27, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

Meeting called to order by Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) & SIAC Vice Chair, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting.

- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, reported KY-SPIN attended the KY Families Thrive, which includes Strengthening Families and Youth Thrive, Training of Trainers. KY-SPIN will be training staff so that they can get the information out to families. This week Kelly from KY-SPIN will be attending the Connect the Dots Training of Trainers. There are two Special Education Summits coming up this weekend and the next weekend. KY-SPIN has hired two regional Educational Specialists: one in their Central Region and one in Western Kentucky. Both will be starting in the next two weeks. Next month KY-SPIN will have updated maps with this new information.
- **Tena Robbins**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported DBHDID is partnering with DCBS on a System of Care grant that is due right on April 19th. This grant is \$3 million per year for each of the four years. Kentucky is proposing to roll out in the first cohort of two DCBS regions in the first year and an additional two DCBS regions in the third year. If awarded, this would be the fifth System of Care grant for Kentucky. Dr. Robbins reported that there is a second grant opportunity, Project LAUNCH, that is also due on April 19th. Dr. Robbins informed members that DBHDID might be reaching out for information while writing the application.
- **Laura Beard**, Department for Public Health (DPH), reported DPH is expanding with the Kentucky Strengthening Families and Youth Thrive efforts with the new Preschool Development Grant through the Governor's Office of Early Childhood. Ms. Beard reported the focus this year is building regional capacity for the regions and local communities to take the work of the framework and build upon it while connecting partners around the protective factors.
- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent Representative, reported that two upcoming events: the Spring Joint Meeting called "Be the We" on May 5th at Barren River State Park and the annual Parent Retreat in the Barren River Region on April 27th.
- **Wendy Smith**, Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), reported KHC, in partnership with the Cabinet, was awarded 74 family reunification vouchers in the Section 8 Programs. These are vouchers that are to either help transition-age youth who were in the foster care system at some point or are currently in the process of aging out with rent assistance for up to 36 months and/or help families for whom reunification is prohibited because they do not have housing or are about to be separated because housing is a primary factor. Ms. Smith reported KHC is about to launch a pilot program in August with two school systems in Northern KY, Covington Independent and Erlanger Elsmere. Liaisons in these schools in Northern KY will have be able to refer McKinney-Vento families or youth for rent assistance, separate from Section 8 housing. They are going to monitor the pilot for two years to see how this affects school attendance and school performance.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- ❖ **Review of February Meeting Summary**

Rhonda Logsdon requested a correction to the KY-SPIN update: 9 youth attended both trainings that took place at the Hopkinsville Group Home and at the Green River Youth Development Center in January and February of 2019. **Dorothy Jenkins** requested a correction to the OVR update: remove the word private prior to category 2. **Christina Weeter**, KDE, requested a clarification regarding Senate Bill 1: instead of 4-part training, multi-part. **Melissa Goins – made a motion to incorporate those three changes and approve the minutes as amended; Damien Sweeney – second to the motion. Motion carried.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- ❖ **Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner, DCBS & Vice Chair of SIAC, provided an update about House Bill 158. HB 158 was signed by the Governor as of Monday. HB 2, which will codify the Relative Kin Service Array, was signed Monday or Tuesday, and it has been enacted. **Tena Robbins**, DBHDID, reported that SB 1 has been signed into law.

FRYSC STANDARDS AND INDICATORS

Melissa Goins, Director, Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC), presented FRYSC Standards and Indicators (see Meeting Handouts). Ms. Goins described the role of FRYSC in the community, the impact of FRYSC on families, and 2019 FRYSC priorities. Ms. Goins reported that FRYSC are developing clear and concise standards, and they are also embracing two concepts: **the Strengthening Families approach and Trauma Informed Care. Ms. Goins reported that about half of the FRYSC coordinators have participated in some type of Trauma Informed Care training. This includes the approximately 90 coordinators that have been hired since January 2019.**

REGIONAL INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (RIAC) UPDATES & CHALLENGES

Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator at Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, reported to the Council that there is a packet in their folder with the RIAC's Summary Updates (see Meeting Handouts), which also includes challenges. The biggest challenge continues to be finding and retaining a youth representative. There are only 4 out of 18 RIAC's that have a youth representative. We want a youth voice at the table. Ms. Brewer reported DBHDID and RIACs are continuing to work with Callie and TAYLRD to find youth representatives. The second biggest challenge is getting mandated members to the table. Sometimes agencies send a representative, but they send a different representative each time, so there is inconsistency. A RIAC Task Force has been created to address these barriers. Ms. Brewer stated that if the RIAC Task Force is unable to resolve the barriers, the RIACs would seek assistance from SIAC.

FUTURE ADENDA ITEMS

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for input on future agenda items.

- Follow up to KDE's Significant Disproportionality under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) presentation – date TBD
- Legislative Updates, including House Bill 158 – Eric Clark, DCBS – March
- Presentation from Lead 2 Feed – suggested by Damien Sweeney, KDE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for any public comment.

Maggie Krueger, Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children Board Chair, presented Pastor Edward Palmer with a 2019 Stone Catcher award.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

ADJOURNMENT

Glenda Wright – made a motion to adjourn; **Kristin Knight** – second to the motion. Motion carried

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

| TASK: | RESPONSIBLE PARTY: |
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| Help identify potential RIAC Youth Members | Callie Cartmell and KY Youth MOVE |

IN ATTENDANCE

Members/Designees:

Elizabeth Caywood, DCBS
Damien Sweeney, KDE
Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN
Kristin Knight, AOC
Laura Beard, DPH
Callie Cartmell, Youth
Ivy Alexander, OCSHCN

Melissa Goins, FRYSC
Glenda Wright, SEJAY
William Heffron, DJJ
Vestena Robbins, DBHDID
Denitta Mercier, Parent
Dorothy Jenkins, OVR
Wendy Smith, KHC

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

Partial Guest List:

Brittany Barber, DBHDID
Diane Gruen-Kidd, DBHDID
Christina Weeter, KDE
Tal Curry, Office of Autism
Kate Overberg Wagoner, DBHDID
Natasha Sanford, Adanta
Brittany Roberts, KPFC
Harper Kelly, KYA
Sonny Mercier
Ian Rosser, KY-SPIN
Sarah Bowling, Aetna
Nina Begley, Bluegrass/CRP
Eboni Blackford, AOC
Martha Campbell, Humana Caresource
Carol Cecil, KPFC

Anne Embry, Lifeskills
Pastor Edward Palmer, CDT
Christie Penn, DBHDID
Tonisha Byrd, DMS
Jordan Persinger
Susan Robinson, Northkey Communicare
Taleb Al Namer, DJJ
Clarissa Mobley, DJJ
Rachel Cartmell
Whitney Hayse, P&A
David Hanna, Passport
Maggie Krueger, KPFC
Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick, DMS
Kathryn Tillett, KDE
Michelle Sawyers, AOC

STANDING COMMITTEES

| STANDING COMMITTEES | MEETING LOCATION |
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| Racial & Ethnic Disparities | Meeting Room A |
| Outreach & Promotion | Meeting Room C |
| Social & Emotional Health | Meeting Room B |

MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.